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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: